

REMARKS:

- 1) In accordance with the PCT procedures, the original specification of this application was a direct literal translation of the corresponding PCT international application. The specification has now been amended in a formal and editorial manner, to clarify a few text passages and better conform to typical US application style and format. The abstract has been revised in view of the US abstract requirements. These formal amendments do not introduce any new matter. Entry is respectfully requested.
- 2) The claims have been amended as follows. Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of prior claims 5 and 6. Claims 5 and 6 have been canceled. The dependency of claim 7 has been amended in view of the cancellation of claim 6. These amendments, merely involving the combination of claims, do not introduce any new matter. Entry and consideration thereof are respectfully requested.
- 3) Referring to the first paragraph on page 2 of the Office Action, the objection to the specification has been addressed in the present amendment, by avoiding the word "constancy". The intended meaning of the text is now clear. Furthermore, it is noted that the word "constancy" is defined as "steadiness ... in ... action" or "unchanging quality; stability; uniformity; consistency" in the Funk & Wagnall's Standard College Dictionary. Please withdraw the objection to the specification.

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- 4) Referring to the middle of page 2 of the Office Action, the rejection of claims 1 to 7 as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. 112(2) has been addressed in the present amendment. Claim 1 now recites a "computer arrangement" rather than "computer means". Also, the phrase "suitable means ... which make it possible to arrange ..." has been avoided. Such a recitation of "suitable means" is not necessary in claim 1, which is directed to a method. Thus, amended claim 1 now focuses more on the method feature that the "additional inertial mass is arranged" in a specified manner. This step of arranging the inertial mass in the recited manner can be carried out in various ways, for example as described in the specification. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are now clear and definite, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112(2).
- 5) Referring to the second-to-last paragraph on page 4 of the Office Action, the indication of allowable subject matter in prior claims 6 and 7 is appreciated. The allowable subject matter of claim 6 and intervening claim 5 has been incorporated into amended claim 1. Thus, claim 1 and its remaining dependent claims 2 to 4 and 7 should now be allowable.
- 6) Referring to page 3 of the Office Action, the rejection of claim 1 (and apparently also claims 2 and 5) as anticipated by US Patent 6,962,171 (Krumm et al.) is respectfully traversed.
- It is noted that US Patent 6,962,171 relates to the same disclosure as German Utility Model 200 21 049 that was registered in March 2001 and published in May 2001, and has been cited

herein in applicant's Information Disclosure Statement of August 20, 2004.

The rejection has been obviated by the present amendment. Namely, independent claim 1 now incorporates the allowable subject matter of non-rejected claim 6. Thus, the rejection is not applicable against claim 1.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the anticipation rejection applying Krumm et al.

- 7) Referring to page 4 of the Office Action, the rejection of claims 3 and 4 as obvious over Krumm et al. has been obviated by the present amendment. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of non-rejected claim 6. Accordingly, please withdraw the rejection of claims 3 and 4 depending from amended claim 1.
- 8) Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1 to 4 and 7, are respectfully requested.

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